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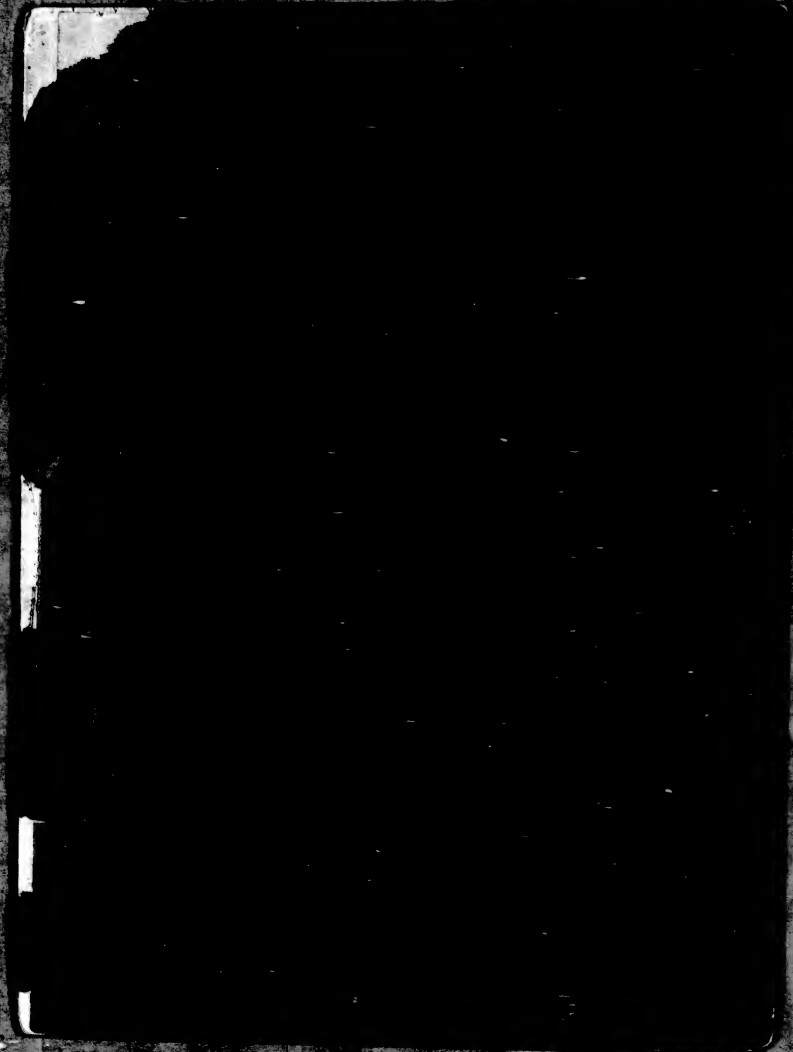
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known by the name of the Coosa River Baptist Association.

ART. II. It shall be composed of well accredited messengers, appointed by regular Baptist churches, which are united in this union.

ART. III. Its meetings shall be annual.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, or otherwise, at each session, and hold office till their successors are declared duly elected. *Provided*, that the non-election of Treasurer shall not interfere with organization.

ART. V. The Association can not rule, but may advise the churches. But it has a full right to reject the messengers of any church in order, in faith, or practice.

ART. VI. Petitions for membership must be by letter and one or more messengers; and the Association, in each case, is to judge on the question of reception.

ART. VII. Each church of fifty members, or less, shall have three messengers, and one messenger for each fifty or fractional number over fifty.

ART. VIII. This Association is in full sympathy with the spirit, and ready to correspond and co-operate with all regular Missionary Baptist organizations, for the spread of the gospel and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth; but a difference of opinion on these matters shall not necessarily involve the question of fellowship.

ART. IX. Churches composing this body will be expected to contribute to and sustain a contingent fund, which shall be deposited by the messengers at each annual meeting, with the Finance Committee; and other contributions for benevolent purposes will be earnestly sought and fostered by the Association.

ART. X. This Constitution, or any Article, may be amended or abolished, at a regular meeting on the concurrence of a vote, by standing, of two-thirds of the messengers present. *Provided*, such intended change is announced by the Moderator at least six hours before the action is taken.

RULES OF DECORUM.

RULE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

RULE 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

RULE 3. The names of the members shall be called each day before proceeding to business, and no member shall absent himself from the Association unless he have leave or be sick and unable to attend.

RULE 4. Visiting ministering brethren present shall be invited to seats in the Association.

RULE 5. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, preserve order, and appoint all committees, with the sanction of the Association.

RULE 6. The Moderator may speak in debate on any question, appointing some other member to fill the chair temporarily, but shall not vote, except in case of a tie.

RULE 7. The Moderator shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any two members.

RULE 8. Every member, when speaking shall rise from his seat, respectfully address the Moderator, confine himself to the question before the body, and avoid personalities.

RULE 9. A motion made must be seconded and stated by the Moderator before debating; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Moderator or any member desire it.

RULE 10. When a motion is stated by the Moderator, it is in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or amendment.

RULE 11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except to lay on the table, postpone indefinitely, commit or amend; which said motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated; but a motion to adjourn is always in order, except when a member is speaking or the body engaged in voting.

RULE 12. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution, the Rules of Decorum, or the reception or exclusion of churches, shall be decided by a majority of the votes; in the excepted cases two-thirds are required.

RULE 13. Filling blanks with particular numbers, the question shall first be taken on the highest number and longest time.

RULE 14. When a motion has once been decided, a member voting with the majority may move for a reconsideration on any day during the session.

RULE 15. No speaker shall be interrupted, unless he be out of order, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without leave of the Association.

RULE 16. No practice shall be allowed which has a tendency to interrupt speaking or the business of the Association.

RULE 17. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used by members in their addresses one to another.

RULE 18. The Clerk shall read these rules at the opening of every session of the Association.

RULE 19. Any member violating these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator.

MINUTES.

REFUGE BAPTIST CHURCH, Sept. 17th, A. D. 1887.

Messengers to compose the Fifty-fourth Annual Session of the Oosa River Baptist Association met this day with the Refuge Baptist Church, Talladega County, Ala.

In the absence of the Principal and Alternate elected to preach the Introductory Sermon, by request, Dr. Joseph Shackelford, Sr., Editor of the Alabama Baptist, officiated. Text—Phil. 2:16: "Holding for the word of life—a practical Missionary Sermon.

Intermission of one hour.

1:30 P. M.

Re-assembled to organize.

Devotional services were conducted by the Moderator, Abner Williams. Prayer by C. W. O'Hara of Shelby Association.

The letters from the churches were read by S. W. Welch and E. H. Hanna.

Messengers were enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Jacksonville—John Y. Henderson.
Post Oak Springs—J A Lanford, J V Gwin, Wm Andrews, S S Gwin.
Weaver's Station—Andrew J Prater, Thomas L Weaver.
Mt Zion (Calhoun Co)—Letter and funds.
Oak Brewery—Berry Nunnally, L. C. Coker.
Cane Creek—G W Lloyd, E M Reid, Charles Martin, Thos H Clements.
Oxford—Abner Williams, J C Wright, J S Kelly, E H Hanna, J M Stephenson.

Antioch—Wm Smith.

First Baptist Church, Anniston—W G Walden, H T Hurst.

12th St Baptist Church, Anniston—Received after organization.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Cold Water—C H Lesley, R P Hughes, W B Comer, W H Comer.
Mumford—J H Pope, Walter Wright, F G McDonald.
Salem—J M Haynes, J S Haynes, J T Jarman.
Sulphur Springs—J T Vincent, H H Stokes, A H Griffin, R H McCain,
J W Cresswell, W H Macon, H D Hackney.

Refuge—Wm. F McCain, W M Hall, A A Hutts and Thos. Hackney, G T Burton.

Blue Eye—Elijah B Tuck, A W Bell, T K Trotter, Philander Morgan, L. M. Madden.

Pleasant Grove—D H Thweatt, Wiley Ogletree, Thos. Elliott, Geo. R Newsom, S C Beavers, jr.

Talladega—Geo. A. Lofton, N S McAfee, G A Joiner.

Ironaton—E K Lockety, A B Limburg, Thos. M. Freeman.

Providence—Received after organization.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Renfro—John S Thackerson, W J Freeman.

Hephzibah—L Merkl, J M Burks, W W Hallman.

Alpine—Saml. W Welch, W R Thompson, W A Hughston.

Winterboro—J C Tomlin, W A Morris, J M Morris.

Tallassahatchie—Letter and funds.

Pilgrim Rest—Letter and funds.

Rocky Mount—W H Parrott.

Mt. Zion—(Talladega county,) Geo. S Ham.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Fort Williams—T J Law.

Mount Sharon—Letter and funds.

Childersburg—T W Coleman, G W Carlyle.

Wilsonville—Letter and funds.

Harpersville—S J Thompson, C H Flosey.

Spring Creek—C F Elliott, Jas. Mitchem.

Macedonia—L M Clinkscapes, John F Davis.

Coosa Valley—L Law, R D Willington, D K Collins, Jesse Willingham.

Ferryville—T J Kilgrove, Tighlman White, J M Bass.

On motion of Geo. S. Ham, the present officers of the Association were re-elected by acclamation, viz :

Abner Williams, Moderator ; Lealis Law, Clerk ; Jas. S. Kelly, Treasurer.

Invitation to visiting ministers was responded to by :

C. W. Ohara, Shelby Association ; G. A. Nunnally—12th St. Church, Anniston.

Jos. Shackelford, Sr. Ed. Alabama Baptist.

M. H. Lane, Georgia Baptist Convention.

C. W. Hare, Jr. Editor Alabama Baptist.

On invitation to churches to join the Association, the following responded :

12th, St. Baptist Church Anniston—Messengers : G. A. Nunnally and W. L. Hill, with letter

Providence Baptist Church—Messengers, J. D. Davis, J. A. Adams and A. Bigby, with letter.

Correspondents present :

G. B. Duke from Tallassahatchie and Ten Islands.

C. W. O'Hara, from Shelby Association.

J. S. E. Robinson, from Cahawba Valley.

Committee appointed on Public Worship—A. W. Bell, C. F. Elliott, and Pastor and Deacons of Refuge church.

Committee on Finance—W. L. Hill, G. A. Joiner, Sam'l W. Welch.

Committee on State Missions reported :

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The great design of State Mission work is to preach the gospel in destitute portions of the State, and to disseminate the doctrines held by us as a denomination, which we verily believe, are founded on the Word of God, as it is given in the gospel of His Son.

You remember there is an old adage which says, "Charity begins at home." Now if this be true, the State Mission should be the first to claim our attention.

The great question to be solved in connection with the work is : How can we get each individual member of our churches interested in this work ? When this is done, the cry of poverty will be hushed. It is interest, not wealth, that is needed to induce the people to give. The objection offered by many of our people when the cause of missions is presented, is that the leaders in the work are paid large salaries, and the most of the money goes for high living and fine clothes. Now to overcome the prejudices thus formed, your committee would recommend that each pastor explain to his congregation the amount of travel and work required of these brethren, and tell them just what salary is received by each one engaged in missionary work, which is indeed but a meagre sum compared with the labor demanded.

We would also recommend that our brethren engaged in mission work cultivate sociability among the poorest and most ignorant of our people, and ever try to imitate the spirit of meekness and humility we recognize in our Master when he said : "Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests ; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head."

The great work that has been done by the few engaged in the State Mission cause, is plain proof that there have been great sacrifices somewhere.

But we have had some reason to be encouraged. The work is prospering under the wise supervision of our earnest Secretary. The Board has had in its employ during the year forty-seven missionaries, and there is work for more, were the Board able to secure them. Respectfully submitted,

I. H. TAFT, Chairman,

Report was laid on the table for consideration in connection with reports on Home and Foreign Missions on Monday next.

Leave of absence was granted to G. A. Nunnally and W. L. Hill till Monday ; also, leave of absence to C. H. Florey, indefinitely.

The order of business as printed in the front of the minutes was adopted for the government of this session.

The Trustees of Indigent Minister's Fund not being ready to report, were allowed till Monday 10 A. M.

Hours for business of the Association adopted : 9 to 12 A. M. ; and 1 to 4 P. M.

Adjourned to Monday 9 A. M.

Prayer by C. W. O'Hara of Shelby Association.

MONDAY, SEPT. 19—9 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Religious services conducted by the Moderator.

Brother John M. Burks was added to the Finance Committee, in lieu of W. L. Hill, absent.

Public collections at worship on Sunday, were ordered to be paid over equally to State, Home and Foreign Missions.

A. W. Bell, Chairman of Trustees of Indigent Ministers' Fund reported:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF I. M. FUND.

A. W. BELL, Chairman of Board of Trustees I. M. Fund, in account with Coosa River Association.

1887.

Sept. 21, To amount secured by Real Estate.....	\$1962 26
" Cash on hand as per report	280 80
July 6, " Cash from W. A. Welch to pay note.....	121 25
Sept. 16, " " Rents Int., on the \$1962 26...	156 98
19, " " James Embry Int., on note.....	8 00—\$2529 29

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Feb. 24, By cash paid Sister E. Martin.....	\$ 25 00
April 18, " " Wm. M. Cain.....	25 00
" 28, " " W. C. Mynatt.....	25 00
Sept. 19, Amount secured by real estate.....	1962 26
Sept. 1, Cash on hand in bank.....	492 03

\$2529 29—\$2529 29

Amount of uncollected notes and pledges from individuals and churches..... \$ 362 20

A. W. BELL, Chairman.

Report was adopted.

On motion of Geo. S. Ham, the notes due the Indigent Ministers' Fund from Mrs. Mallory and B. M. Fluker, were ordered to be surrendered to makers.

Committee on Home Missions reported:

HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board for the past year, is as follows: Missionaries employed, 251; Baptisms, 3,928; Received by letter, 2,319; Total additions to Southern churches, 6,242; Sunday schools reported, 318; Teachers and pupils, 13,661; Churches constituted, 119; Houses of worship built, 23; The Board's expenditures for Missions were, \$86,827.06; Its missionaries raised for houses of worship built upon their fields of labor, \$35,270.15; Total, \$122,097.20.

This sum represents the actual work done for the Baptists of the South. Six thousand two hundred and forty two additions to our churches in one year.

This large harvest has been gathered in the field of the Home Board; which embraces the Southern States, Indian Territory and the Island of Cuba. From all parts of this wide field, we have the most encouraging reports. The greatest measure of success has been in Cuba. Two years ago, that Island though a foreign field, was turned over to the Home Board. Since then, Rev. J. Alberto Diaz, a native of Cuba, has been operating as a missionary there. In the last twelve months Brother Diaz has baptized 340; and constituted seven churches; one in Havana, and the others in important cities in the island. Six other native Cubans have been called of God to the work of the ministry, and are now preaching to the churches above mentioned.

The fields to which this board devotes its self grow wider every year. The vast tides of population coming to our towns, cities and southern country, make the duties and responsibilities of our Southern Baptists heavier and greater than ever before. And shall we not see to it, that the people who come to our new south, shall have the truth as we hold it, as the New Testament holds it, "as the truth is in Christ Jesus." "The history of Southern Baptists depends in a large measure upon our home mission operations for the next ten years."

We congratulate the Board in having secured the services of Dr. J. Wm. Jones, of Richmond, Va., as assistant secretary. He, with his characteristic energy, is now in the field, and pressing forward this great work. An increase of 50 per cent on former receipts, will now be needed by the Board, to meet the enlarged demands. Let our contributions be equal to the demands. "Make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem," and in all our southern land.

J. C. WRIGHT,
Chairman.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The committee on Foreign Missions offer the following report:

The cause of Missions, both Home and Foreign, is God's own cause. Those words which fell from the Saviour's lips, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," though spoken more than eighteen centuries ago, have lost none of their force, and Divine authority. But rather, as the ages of the past have come and gone, and we have become better acquainted with the condition of the perishing heathens, they become more intensified in their meaning, and more imperious in their demand. And it should be a matter of rejoicing with Christians, that God, in mercy, has now taken away, the great hindering cause which hitherto so much retarded the work of missions in foreign lands. And now, under treaty stipulations, the Gospel may be preached among all nations.

The Southern Baptists, through their Board at Richmond, contributed during the last conventional year, to the cause of Foreign Missions, the sum of \$87,830.53, which amount, though far less than it should have been, is nevertheless, \$22,000 in excess of the previous year. Of this sum the Baptists of Alabama gave \$4,692.26. This amount, though small indeed, is yet considerably more than the year before. Let us, dear brethren ask God for a spirit of greater Christian liberality that our contributions, in the future, may be still more and more abundant.

Our foreign missionary field includes Africa, China, Italy, Brazil and Mexico, with 116 missionaries laboring in those countries.

They report 528 baptisms with a total membership of 1,551.

The Board asks the Baptists of Alabama, for \$5,000 during the next ensuing year; and when we consider the number, and financial ability of our denomination, how small indeed is this amount. If all the membership of the churches would only pay ten cents each, the sum of \$8,000.00 would be raised, and who so poor, whether old or young, male or female, as not able to raise that small amount. How many of our brethren could give a great deal more.

What we so much need, is neither the will, nor the ability to give, but some well organized plan or system of giving, on the part of our people, so as to reach and enlist the entire masses in the work.

In conclusion, the committee assume the position, as the field is the world, that the cause of Foreign Missions, in its importance, should have the pre-eminence of all other missionary work—that it lies at the foundation of every effort being put forth, to evangelize the world.

But although so much has already been accomplished and so many sacrifices made, how vast and arduous is the work yet to be done. How small a portion of the world has been won to Christ. In our imagination, in the exercise of faith, as we survey the mighty field, we behold countless millions of the human family, buried in sorrow and in sin, having no hope, and without God in the world. They have never heard of the name of Jesus, nor of his power to save. As they are swiftly borne along on the current of time, they seem to call upon us for help. They reach out their hand for the bread of life. They cry out to us, to send them the Gospel—to come over and help them. But we stand idle, and heed not the importunate cry. And as at last they approach the gate of death, with one look of unutterable despair, they seem to reproach us for not having done our duty; and then the wide gate of destruction closes behind them as they pass through and they are lost forever. How fearful the mighty responsibility that rests upon us, as a Christian nation. Let us, dear brethren, earnestly pray to God, to give us such a spirit of christian benevolence, as will enable us to come up to the full measure of duty, in helping to send the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Your committee recommend "The Foreign Missionary Journal," as eminently worthy of the patronage of every Missionary Baptist.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. KIDD, Chairman.

After discussion participated in by Jos. Shackleford, J S E Robinson, George H Lofton, and M H Lane, the reports on State, Home, and Foreign Missions were adopted.

Adjourned to 1 P. M.

MONDAY, September 19, 1 p. m.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional services conducted by the Moderator. Prayer by J. C. Wright.

The Committee on Ministerial Education reported:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Our reports hitherto have been so explicit on the subject of Ministerial Education that we deem it unnecessary to present arguments to prove the necessity of an educated ministry. The demand from all quarters is for an

intelligent and consecrated ministry. men of good common sense, who can put themselves en rapport with the people whom they serve, understanding the people and their wants spiritual and intellectual, and are willing to and do give themselves wholly to the work, such men are in demand, and such men will be supported by the churches. The churches are wearied with contributing towards the education of men, who, after an expensive collegiate or Seminary course, develop only into clerical deeds. Give us men full of the Holy Ghost, men of self-denial, men possessed of that uncommon sense called common sense, and we will support them.

We heartily commend to the notice of all who feel called of God to preach the gospel, the claims of Howard College and of the Seminary at Louisville. These schools of the prophets have "approved" (as shown by their theological students and graduates) written all over them.

Respectfully submitted,

L. LAW.

Amended: That Bro. J. L. Jones be recognized as a beneficiary of this Association, and funds pledged by this Association insure to his benefit.

The report, as a whole, was adopted.

Tha following pledges were given for Ministerial Education:

PLEDGES FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION DUE OCT. 1st, 1887,
AND FEB. 1st, 1888.

James S Kelly	\$10 00
George A. Lofton	10 00
Alpine Church	10 00
A W Bell	10 00
Syllacauga S S	5 00
Syllacauga Church	5 00
Jacksonville Church	10 00
A A Hutto	1 00
Philander Morgan	10 00
Maj Beavers	2 00
L M Madden	1 00
R T Mayfield	1 00
W M Hall	2 00
T R Burns	5 00
D K Collins	1 00
J L Findley	1 00
Geo R Newsom	1 00
J B Hall	2 00
R H Burton	1 00
J C Griffin	2 00
J M Haynes	1 00
J H Hackney	1 00
J S Haynes	1 00
James Meadows	1 00
J D Davis	1 00
D H Thweatt (to the Board)	5 00
Thos Elliott	2 00
E H Hanna	1 00
Wiley Ogletree	1 00

Blue Eye Church	10 00
Weaver Station Church.....	5 00
Renfroee Church.....	5 00

Total\$124 00

The Committee on Education (Male and Female) reported.

REPORT ON EDUCATION, (MALE AND FEMALE.)

Never in the history of the world, has there been such a widespread demand, nor such a crying need for Education, as at the present day.

The gigantic strides of civilization made during the 19th century, whereby the events of centuries are crowded into the space of an hour, and in which a man of 50 years of age is, perhaps, older in point of knowledge and events, than the oldest of the patriarchs, it is a positive demand upon the age to equip early and soundly the mind, for the fearful strain of mental activity into which it is plunged, even before the age of maturity. But it is an acknowledged fact, that to develop and polish a mind, and at the same time leave off the symmetrical finish of christian knowledge, is, in effect, to turn loose a fiend upon our society.

So it obviously becomes the duty of all christian men to throw, as much, as within their power lies, the protecting aegis of christianity, around the youth of our land, while in the formative period of their character. And just so much of the balance of power in this particular, as is held by the different denominations of christians, of this country, will, in a few years be the measure, as to human means, of the power and influence of the christian religion.

We believe, in fact, that the evangelization of the world, hinges upon the free thought of America; and christianity, as has been the case, in the progress of every other branch of civilization, must also radiate from these United States. But no State in the union has the power, as under the great compact of States, to give religious instruction, or even cast around its institutions, religious influences. Hence the imperative need of denominational schools, whose duty it shall be to look well to the moral development—heart education, if you please.

The Judson Female Institute located at Marion, Ala., is the pride of every Baptist heart. Surrounded as it is, by the highest order of moral, intellectual and religious influences, no better place can be found for the development of young ladies. There is, perhaps, no institution of its kind in the South, enjoying a higher reputation, and we learn, that under the successful management of Dr. Frazer, it has not only completed its buildings, refurnished its dormitories, and possessed itself of the only pipe organ, except one, in any female seminary on the continent, but has some money to its credit.

The A. C. F. College at Tuscaloosa, also commends itself to our hearty cooperation and support, Howard College, so recently moved from Marion, and located at Birmingham as Howard University, should now be the especial object of our attention. As is well known, it has just shaken off the shackles of others' forging, and stands now upon a broad, free, and independent basis. But it remains with the Baptists of Alabama, to say, whether Howard University shall go onward and upward from the impetus just given it, or whether it shall die, uncherished and neglected, in its luxuriant cradle.

A College can be run, as we have seen without an endowment, but it cannot prosper without cooperation. It certainly cannot move on without boys, and if those of us who wanted the College to remain at Marion or go to Anniston, withdraw our support, or even "rest upon our oars." How-

ard University will be but a name, and instead of a pride to us, and a blessing to the State, will rest a monumental stigma upon the Baptist denomination of Alabama. But we believe every Baptist in the State, is fully awake to the crisis through which our male educational interest is passing and we feel sure, that this Association will join hands with the Birmingham brethren, and all other brethren in the State, and by one grand united effort, lift our Institute to the full measure of a University.

Your Committee, also deem it proper and just, in view of our knowledge of the distinguished ability of Col. J. M. Murfee as an educator, and the peculiarly strong, restraining influences, brought to bear upon young men in Marion, to publicly recognize the Marion Military Institute, taught by him in the Howard buildings.

Our Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky, is doing a work, unequaled by any similar Institute on the American continent. Young men step out of it into the first pulpits of the country, fully qualified, not only for "fitly dividing the word of God," but for pastoral work—a demand of the age. It has been relieved of its financial embarrassments by the zeal and energy of Dr. Broadas, and the liberality of Louisville Baptists. We deem it brethren, one of the most important factors in advancing our denominational work, and recommend it to your support and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. WELCH, Ch'n.

JNO. W. BISHOP,

T. W. AYERS.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Sunday Schools, like every other organization, has under gone the test of criticism and stands triumphantly for the cause of Christ. It has assumed such relations to the church of Christ and enlarged itself to such proportions that it has become one of the leading agencies for the evangelization of the world. Its advantages are such that the most poverty stricken may have full benefit of its teachings, and it is often the only source which many have of receiving early Biblical instruction. It is not usual that we depart from youthful training in maturer age.

Habits, then formed follow us to the tomb, and bring either happiness or sorrow to the soul.

But God in compassion for his people has given them precepts after precepts in his word which if followed will lead to an eternal happiness. There is no organization, aside from the family, so happily suited for spiritual guardianship as the Sunday School.

There the young, middle-aged and old may learn of him who was suspended between earth and Heaven for their redemption.

The Sunday School is properly the Bible School of the church where gospel truths are expounded and the salvation of all who come within its reach is earnestly sought. No duty is more binding on parents, especially christian parents, than to see personally to the religious instruction of their children, and to avail themselves of all supplementary aid to home culture, such as the Sunday School so generously affords. It should be a place where persons of all ages and conditions can divide and execute for the building up of our common Zion; where the faint and feeble christian may be spiritually strengthened. It should be encouraged and supported by the church, not by a few of her more zealous members only, but by the whole body. Then would Zion travel and bring forth an abundant har-

vest in due season. From all hearts, let fervent prayers ascend for the outpouring of God's blessings upon this great work,

L. T. GROGAN, Ch'n.

The Committee on Family Religion reported:

REPORT ON FAMILY RELIGION.

So much has been said and written upon this subject that I hardly know what to say without repeating what has already been said.

Family Religion as I understand it is religion at home, lived out and taught in unmistakable terms in the family, and as one has said, there is no place in all God's moral vineyard where so much can be done for good as at home.

There are minds as empty blanks that must be filled out by us. In these minds must be laid the foundation of true moral worth. They must be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

They must be trained up in the way they should go, that when they are old they may not depart from it.

Here is where the law of God should receive peculiar emphasis; to neglect this is to suffer our children to enter upon life's voyage without any protection, without any guide, and is to suffer them to be wrecked upon the fatal rocks that have terminated the career of so many on earth and led to endless misery.

Oh! Then let us be up and doing as parents. Let us teach them as we set in the house, and as we walk by the way and as we lie down, and as we rise up let us pray with them in the family, and in the closet, and in the silent grove and by every means possible to impress them with the importance of imbibing those principles which constitute the foundation of a moral and religious character, and which will enable them to escape the rocks that have wrecked the happiness of so many.

Respectfully submitted,

T. R. TROTTER, Ch'm.

Report adopted.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended to afford Dr. Jas. Shackelford an opportunity to address the Association in the interest of the "Alabama Baptist.

The Executive Committee reported:

G A Joiner, Chairman Executive Committee, In account with Coosa River Baptist Association.

1886.

Sept. 21.	To balance on hand last report.....	\$ 21 16
" 23.	To cash Jenkins Fund	26 00
" "	To cash Collections.....	21 85
" "	To cash due bill of C W Stringer	137 60

206 61.

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Nov. 26.	By cash paid Rev J J Garrett, Missionary	\$15 00
	By cash paid church at Renfro	30 00— 45 00

1887.

Sept. 17.	To Balance.....	\$161 61
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Respectfully submitted.

G A JOINER, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be empowered (if in their judgment they see proper to do so) to aid in the building of Mission churches in the bounds of this Association. The Executive Committee was reappointed for ensuing Associational year, and consists of the following brethren :

G. A. JOINER, Ch'n.
S. D. KYSER,
J. A. WOODWARD,
W. P. COOPER,
M. H. HANSARD,
W. A. WELCH,
JNO. W. BISHOP.

Report of Finance Committee was adopted.

Correspondence returned :

To Shelby Association—S. J. Thompson, C. F. Elliott, J. M. Bass, Sam. W. Welch, Allan Hutto.

To Cahawba Valley—J. M. Bass, A. J. Kirksey, S. J. Thompson, Wm. F. McCain, L. Merkl, Allan Hutto.

To Boiling Springs—J. S. Kelly, J. C. Wright, E. H. Hanna.

To Central—Geo. S. Ham, G. W. Carlyle, T. J. Law.

To Tallassahatchie and Ten Islands—H. H. Yearwood, J. C. Wright, E. T. Smyth.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—Geo. A. Lofton, L. Law, Abner Williams, Geo. S. Ham, A. W. Bell, C. F. Elliott, S. J. Thompson, Wm. F. McCain, Thos. K. Trotter, J. S. Kelly, J. C. Wright, T. F. Elliott, Wiley Ogletree, L. Merkl, J. M. Bass.

The Treasurer, J. S. Kelly, reported :

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. S. KELLY, Treasurer, in account with Coosa River Association.

1886.		
Sept.	To cash on hand Jenkins' Fund.....	\$ 26 00
	To cash on hand Minute Fund.....	13 35
	To cash on hand Ministerial Educational Fund.....	14 45
	To cash received from Finance Committee, \$434.70 to be appropriated as follows :	
	For Foreign Missions.....	103 75
	For Home Missions.....	101 20
	For State Missions.....	68 90
	For Jenkins Fund.....	21 85
	For Indigent Ministers' Fund.....	5 00
	For Ministerial Educational Fund.....	56 15
	For Bible and Colportage Fund.....	5 00
	For Minutes.....	72 85
Oct. 20.	To cash from Post Oak Springs church, Ministerial Education.....	5 00
	To cash from J. S. Kelly, Ministerial Education.....	5 00
Nov.	To cash from Cold Water churches, Ministerial Education.....	4 00
	To cash from Daniel Thweatt, Ministerial Education....	10 00
1887.		
Jan.	To cash from A. W. Bell, Ministerial Education.....	10 00
Feb.	To cash from Alpin church, Ministerial Education.....	30 00
March	To cash from Salem church, Ministerial Education.....	5 00
"	To cash from Blue Eye church, Ministerial Education....	10 00
"	To cash from Jacksonville church, Ministerial Education.	10 00

Sept.	To cash from Ferryville church, Ministerial Education...	5 00
"	To cash from Cain Creek church, Ministerial Education.	5 00
Total.....		\$587 50
1886.	CR.	
Sept. 21.	By cash paid L. Law, Clerk.....	\$ 20 00
" 22.	" " G. A. Joiner, Chairman Jenkins' Fund	47 85
" " "	" " G. W. Ellis, Chairman Minist'l Educat'l Fund.	70 60
" " "	" " W. B. Crumpton for Foreign Missions	103 75
	For Home Missions.....	101 20
	For State Missions.....	68 90
	For Indigent Ministers' Fund.....	5 00
	For Bible and Colportage.....	5 00
Oct.	By cash paid Alabama Baptist for printing minutes.....	46 60
	By cash paid G. W. Ellis from Ministerial Educational Fund November 6, 1886, to March 28, 1887.....	88 50
	Cash on hand Minute Fund	20 10
	Cash on hand Ministerial Educational Fund.....	10 00
		\$587 50

All of which is respectfully submitted, Sept. 19, 1887.

J. S. KELLY, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

The following brethren were appointed a special committee to make settlement with Brother C. W. Stringer: Jas. K. Elliott, G. A. Joiner, A. W. Bell, T. R. Burns, Geo. S. Ham.

The Association selected time and place of next meeting of the body:

Time, Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1888.

Place, Syllacauga, Talladega county.

For preacher of introductory sermon, Thos. K. Trotter.

Alternate, Geo. A. Lofton.

On motion of Geo. S. Ham, it was

Resolved 1. That the Clerk be allowed twenty dollars for his services; and that he is hereby instructed to have 1100 copies of the minutes printed at the office of the Alabama Baptist.

Resolved 2. That he (the clerk) is hereby instructed to have printed on the front pages of the minutes, the Programme of Business, Constitution, and Rules of Decorum

Resolved 3. That he furnish the printer a list of the churches composing this Association, the name and postoffice of the clerk of each; and deposit with the printer money sufficient to prepay the postage on each package of minutes; and request him to send them by mail to the clerks of the churches as soon as practicable.

To these resolutions, Geo. A. Lofton offered the following amendment:

That the clerk be allowed the discretion of having the minutes printed at Talladega, if terms are granted as good as, or better than the Alabama Baptist will offer.

The amendment and the resolutions were adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On State Missions—Catt Smith, W W Kidd, F G Mullen.
 On Home Missions—E L Smith, D F Weaver, J F Pope.
 On Foreign Missions—G A Lofton, N S McAfee, T F Elliott.
 On Ministerial Education—G A Nunnally, W S Griffin, E H Hanna.
 On General Education—J C Wright, J M Stephenson, L T Grogan.
 On Colportage and Bible Work—T K Trotter, W F McCain, J H Pope.
 On Sabbath Schools—T W Ayres, C D Woodruff, D B Oden.
 On Temperance—J W Bishop, G S Ham, T P Gwin.
 On Evangelization of Colored People—James Crook, S W Welch, P Morgan.
 On Periodicals and Literature—W Wilkes, L Metkl, N L Johnson.

The following brethren were appointed a committee to redistrict the Association, and report to the Clerk after adjournment: J. S. Kelly, E. T. Smyth, T. P. Gwin,; to which committee, on motion, the Moderator, Abner Williams, was added. (The report of said committee may be found in the re-adjustment of the churches in districts, on pages 3 and 4 of the minutes.)

The Board of Trustees of Indigent Ministers' Funds was continued, with A. W. Bell as Chairman.

A special committee consisting of A. W. Bell, Thomas K. Trotter, and Wm. T. McCain, was appointed to pro rata among the churches the amount asked for by State Mission Board from this Association, with instructions to report to Clerk after adjournment.

The following is their report:

REPORT ON PRO RATING.

We, the committee appointed to pro rate the amount of fifteen hundred dollars among the churches comprising this Association, as suggested and asked for by the State Mission Board during the Associational year for general purposes, respectfully submit the following:

Cold Water.....	\$ 30 00
Antioch.....	20 00
Oxford.....	125 00
Post Oak Springs.....	40 00
Oak Bowery.....	40 00
Mumford.....	25 00
Anniston.....	75 00

12th St., Anniston, New Church	75 00
Talladega	150 00
Refuge	25 00
Alpine	150 00
Pilgrim's Rest	5 00
Tallassahatchie	25 00
Mt. Zion, Talladega County	30 00
Rocky Mount	5 00
Harper's Mill	75 00
Wilsonville	25 00
Coosa Valley	35 00
Renfro	5 00
Sulpher Springs	25 00
Salem	25 00
Jacksonville	100 00
Mt. Zion, Calhoun County	60 00
Cane Creek	20 00
Weaver's Station	30 00
Blue Eye	40 00
Fernyville	25 00
Pleasant Grove	30 00
Hepzibah	25 00
Fort Williams	30 00
Childersburg	35 00
Mt. Sham	10 00
Winterborn	25 00
Spring Creek	25 90
Macedonia	35 00
Ironaton	5 00
Providence	5 00

 \$1510 00

Respectfully submitted,

 A. W. BELL,
 T. K. TROTTER,
 W. F. MCCAIN.

On motion of Geo. A. Lofton:

Resolved. That all moneys emanating from this body for any purpose fostered by us, as Association, shall be paid over to the Treasurer, and by him disbursed as designated in the contributions.

On motion of E. H. Hanna:

Resolved 1, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered the citizens of this community, who have so generously and cordially entertained the messengers and visitors of this Association; and to our Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship in Lincoln.

Resolved 2, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the officers of the E. T. Va. & Ga. R. R., the Ga. Pac. R. R., and the Anniston & Atlantic R. R., for reduced rates of fare to the messengers and visitors attending the Association.

Resolved 3, That our thanks be tendered the Moderator and Clerk for their prompt and efficient aid in conducting the business of the body.

The Association then adjourned in the usual manner, to meet with the Syllauga Church on Saturday before the

second Sabbath in September, A. D., 1888.

Concluding prayer by Dr. Jos. Shackelford.

ABNER WILLIAMS, Moderator.

LEALIS LAW, Clerk.

LIST OF ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS,

(so far as reported by the churches.)

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

T P Gwin,	Oxford, Calhoun County.	
J C Wright.....	" " "	
E T Smyth.....	Anniston " "	
G A Nunnally	" " "	
Thomas K Trotter.....	Lincoln, Talladega	"
W F McCain.....	" " "	
John B Mynott.....	Alexandria Calhoun	"
Wm S Griffin.....	Syllacauga, Talladega	"
W Wilkes.....	Childersburg, "	"
Catlett Smith.....	" " "	
W W Kidd.....	Eastaboga, "	"
John H Pope.....	Renfro, "	"
F G Mullen.....	Cropwell, St Clair	"
Lealis Law.....	Childersburg, Talladega	"
G W Lowery.....	Syllacauga, "	"
J L Jones.....	" " "	
Wm Steely.....	Beasley, Calhoun Co.	
George D Harris.....	Alexandria, "	"
Daniel P Williams.....	Wintersboro, Talladega	"
J M Solley.....	Seddon, St Clair	"
W D Hancock.....	" " "	
J M Bass.....	Eureka, Talladega,	"
—McDonald.....	Talladega, "	"
George A Lofton.....		

LICENTATES:

John A Butts.....	Childersburg, Talladega Co.	
A A Hutts.....	Refuge, " "	
M M Hall.....	" " "	
L T Williams.....	Syllacauga, "	"
N J Belton.....	Riverside, St Clair	"
W W Gulledege.....	Beasley, Calhoun,	"

PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Read Letters and Enroll Messengers.
3. Elect Officers: Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
4. Read Rules of Decorum.
5. Invite visiting Brethren to seats.
6. Invite Churches to unite with our Association.
7. Call for correspondence from Associations.
8. Appoint Committee on Finance.
9. Appoint Committee on Preaching.
10. Appoint Committee to *pro rate* among all the churches amount asked for by State Mission Board for all objects.

11. Report on Periodicals and Literature.
12. Report on Temperance.
13. Report on Sabbath Schools.
14. Fix hours to meet and adjourn.
15. Miscellaneous Business.
16. Adjourn.

SECOND DAY.

17. Devotional Exercises.
18. Read Minutes and Call Roll of Messengers.
19. Miscellaneous Business.
20. Report on State Missions.
21. Report on Home Missions.
22. Report on Foreign Missions.
23. Report on Ministerial Education.
24. Report on General Education (Male and Female).
25. Miscellaneous Business.
26. Adjourn.

THIRD DAY.

27. Devotional Exercises.
28. Read Minutes and call Roll of Messengers.
29. Miscellaneous Business.
30. Report of Committee on *pro rate* contributions from churches.
31. Report of Committee on Evangelization of colored people.
32. Report of Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers' Fund.
33. Report of Executive Committee of Association.
34. Elect Executive Committee of Association.
35. Elect Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers' Fund.
36. Return Correspondents to Associations: Shelby, Cahawba Valley, Boiling Springs, Carey, Canaan, Central, Tallapoosa, Thatchie and Ten Islands, Unity.
37. Appoint Delegates to Baptist State Convention. (ten.)
38. Report of Committee on Finance.
39. Report of Treasurer of Association.
40. Appoint time and place for next session.
41. Appoint Preacher and alternate for next introductory sermon.
42. Order clerks' salary paid and Minutes printed.
43. Appoint Committees to report next session: On State Missions; on Home Missions; on Foreign Missions; on Ministerial Education; on General Education (male and female); on Temperance; on Sabbath schools; on Colportage and Bible Work; on Evangelization of colored people; on Periodicals and Literature.
44. Appropriate surplus Minute Funds, &c., (if any.)
45. Miscellaneous Business.
46. Read Minutes of this day's business.
47. Adjourn *sine die*.

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKSHIP.

- Saturday at Lincoln, 8 P. M., M H Lane.
 Sabbath, at church 11, A. M., George A Lofton.
 Sabbath, at church 2 P. M., M H Lane.
 Sabbath, at academy 11, A. M., J S E Robinson.
 Sabbath, at academy 4 P. M., C W O'Hara.
 Sabbath at Lincoln 11, A. M., Joseph Shackelford.
 Sabbath, at Lincoln 8 P. M., George A Lofton.
 Monday, at Lincoln 8 P. M., M H Lane.

FINANCIAL TABLE OF COOSA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Mis- sions.	Indigent Ministers Fund.	Ministerial Educa- tion.	Bible and Colpor- tage Work.	Minute Fund.	Total Cash.
Cold Water.....	2 20							2 50	4 20
Sulphur Springs.....	10 00	5 00	10 00					2 00	27 00
Antioch.....	5 00	5 00	4 00					2 00	16 00
Salem.....	5 00	5 00	5 50					2 00	17 50
Oxford.....								5 00	5 00
Jacksonville.....			9 30					2 00	11 30
Post Oak Spring.....			8 35					2 00	10 35
Mt Zion, Calhoun Co.....	9 50	9 00	9 00					2 00	30 00
Oak Bowery.....	3 00		3 00					2 50	8 00
Cane Creek.....		5 65	4 65					1 00	16 90
Mumford.....						5 60		1 00	1 50
Weaver Station.....		5 00	4 30					2 50	11 80
1st Anniston.....								3 50	3 90
Ironaton.....			5 00					1 00	6 50
Blue Eye.....								2 50	2 00
Talladega.....								3 00	3 00
Perryville.....	6 00	6 00	5 05					2 00	19 55
Refuge.....	5 00	5 00	5 00					1 50	16 50
Pleasant Grove.....	10 00	10 00	10 00					1 50	31 50
Alpines.....	20 00	20 00	33 05					1 50	97 90
Hephzibah.....	3 65		4 80	21 85				2 50	10 45
Renfro.....		9 50	2 00					1 00	19 50
Fort Williams.....			18 55			6 00		1 50	23 85
Pilgrims' Rest.....						3 80		1 50	1 00
Tallassahatchie.....								1 00	1 50
Childersburg.....								2 50	2 00
Mt Zion, Talladega, Co.....	5 00	2 75	2 50					1 00	11 75
Rocky Mt.....								1 50	1 50
Winterboro.....		11 50	11 50					2 50	25 00
Mt Sharon.....								1 00	1 05
Harpersville.....	8 00	4 00	8 00					2 05	22 50
Macedonia.....	2 00	1 00	2 00					1 50	6 50
Spring Creek.....								1 50	1 65
Coosa Valley.....	4 00	4 00	4 00					2 65	14 05
Wilsonville.....									
12th St Anniston.....	15 00	5 00	5 00		1 00		2 00	4 60	33 60
Providence.....		2 00	1 00			1 00		1 00	4 00
Public Collection, (Sun.).....	12 65	12 00	12 00						36 65
Totals.....	126 65	127 40	\$ 187 95	\$ 21 85	\$ 1 00	\$ 16 40	\$ 2 00	\$ 71 85	\$ 553 05

Received of Finance Committee Five Hundred
and Fifty-three Dollars and five cents.
Sep. 19th 1887.

J. S. KELLER, Treas.

SAM'L W. WELCH,
J. M. BURKS,
G. A. JOINER,
Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR COOSA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1887.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES OF CH. CLERK	COUNTY.	Baptised	Received by letter	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Restored	Dead.	Total Members.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Mis- sions.	Minutes.	Indigent Ministers. Fund.	Bible and Colpor- tage Work.	Ministerial Educa- tion.	Total.
Jacksonville	M H Lane	P D Ross	Jacksonville	Calhoun	11	5					97	\$ 16 85	\$ 10 00	\$ 9 30		\$ 2 00				\$ 38 15
Post Oak Spring	T P Gwia	GB McClen.	Alexandria	"	11	12	11	6	1	5	1 98			8 35		2 00				10 35
Weaver Station	T P Gwin	T L Weaver	Weaver Station	"	12	7	7	5			1 48	10 00	5 00	4 30		2 50				21 80
Mt Zion	W S Griffin	W P Cooper	Alexandria	"	1	11	12		1		1 68	23 86	16 97	16 92		2 50			2 30	62 55
Oak Bowery	T K Trotter	L C Coker	Beasley	"	24	7	13	4		1	1 25	3 00		3 00		2 00				8 00
Cane Creek	W F McCain	E M Reid	Morrisville	"	5	4	2				57		7 35	6 40		1 00			6 25	21 00
Oxford.	J C Wright	T M Draper	Oxford.	"	1	12	20			4	1 68	51 15	55 35	45 70		5 00		10 00		167 20
Antioch	J C Wrigh.	G W Manning	Oxford.	"	1	1				3	70	5 00	5 00	4 00		2 00				16 00
1st Anniston	E T Smyth	J B Fry.	Anniston.	"	2	15	47	2		2	1 59	18 89	18 89	18 89		3 00				59 68
12th St Anniston	G A Nunnally	E D Willett.	Anniston.	"		70					70	15 00	5 00	5 00		4 60	1 00	2 00	1 00	33 60
Cold Water	T P Gwin	L T Grogan.	Martha Dell.	"	8	6	4	2	1	2	1 69	2 20	5 00	5 00		2 00				14 20
Munford	T P Gwin	B W Mattison.	Munford.	Talladega.							70					1 50				1 50
Salem	T K Trotter	T W Ogletree	Eastaboga.	"		4	3	1		2	93	5 00	5 00	5 50		2 00				17 50
Sulphur Springs	T K Trotter	R H McCain	Brumer.	Calhoun.	6	10	11	1	3		1 90	10 00	5 00	10 00		2 00				27 00
Refuge	W F McCain.	J B Hall	Refuge	Talladega		5	2				1 53	5 00	5 00	5 00		1 50				16 50
Blue Eye	T K Trotter.	P Morgan	Lincoln	"	26		10	3			1 45	13 33	13 33	13 33		2 00				42 00
Pleasant Grove	W S Griffin	T E Ogletree.	Eureka.	"	5						84	10 00	10 00	1 00		1 50		10 00		41 50
Talladega	Geo. A Lofton	S P Burns	Talladega.	"	36	18	24			5	1 94	33 33	33 33	3 33		3 00				103 00
Ironaton	J H Pope.	D W Shadix	Ironaton	"	3	7	4		1		28			5 00		1 50				6 50
Providence	F G Mullen.	J D Davis.	Talladega	"	3	3					19		2 00	1 00		1 00				4 00
Renfro	F G Mullen	H Brown	Renfro.	"	2	14	7	1			34	14 50		2 00		1 50			6 00	24 00
Hephzibah	F G Mullen.	J M Burks	Renfro.	"	1	8	23		2	1	1 20	3 65		4 80		2 00				10 45
Alpine	M H Lane	W R Thompson.	Alpine.	"	25	12	4				96	20 00	111 90	33 55	21 85	1 50				188 80
Winterboro	W S Griffin.	W A Morris	Alpine.	"	30	15	3			1	1 44		11 50	11 50		2 00				25 00
Tallahatchie	W Wilkes.	J C McMillen	Sycamore.	"		4	7				73	6 00		5 00		1 50				12 50
Pilgrims Rest	J Salley.	E Haywood.	Reyndulia.	"	8	1					29					1 00				1 00
Rocky Mt.	J Solley.	W B Owens	Bledsoe	"	25	6	9		1	1	72					1 50				1 50
Mt Zion	S Henderson	H G Darby	Syllacauga	"	1	7					88	5 00	2 75	2 50		1 50				11 75
Fort Williams	C W O'Hara	M S Bennett	Fayetteville.	"	14	21	21				1 16	5 72	5 72	18 55		1 50			5 00	35 50
Mt Sharon.	J L Jones	H J Coleman	Fayetteville.	"	1	12	14	4	2		69	2 35				1 05				3 40
Childersburg.	Catt Smith	F Moss	Childersburg	"	6	28	1			2	1 03	11 90		10 75		2 00			7 40	32 05
Wilsonville	J M McCord	H H Stoudermire	Wilsonville.	Shelby.			9			1	50	6 75	1 00	75			1 00		2 00	11 50
Harpersville	B F Giles	W L Kidd	Harpersville.	"	3	8	9				1 31	8 00	4 00	8 00		2 50				22 50
Spring Creek	C W O'Hara.	W R Singleton.	Harpersville.	"		3	5			2	60	7 26	2 42	2 42		1 65			3 00	16 75
Macedonia	W Wilkes	D C Davis	Hot Spur	"	2	1	4				83	2 00	1 00	2 00		1 50				6 50
Coosa Valley	J S E Robinson.	B C Hewlett	Coopersville.	St. Clair	2	2	6	1		1	1 32	4 00	4 00	4 00		2 05				14 05
Ferryville	J S E Robinson.	T J Kilgore.	Seddon.	"	29	13	4	1		2	1 59	6 00	6 00	5 05		2 20				19 55
Public collection at Ass'n												12 65	12 00	12 00						36 65

Totals.

203 358 308 31 12 39 38 65 \$ 338 39 \$ 324 51 \$ 332 89 \$ 21 85 \$ 71 85 \$ 2 00 \$ 2 00 \$ 52 95 \$ 1 186 48

*Number last reported

SUGGESTIONS TO CLERKS OF CHURCHES.

1. If your Church keeps, please make out your Statistics and Contributions on the basis of the above table. This will save the Clerk of the Association much time and labor.

2. Please give full list of Ordained and Licensed Baptist Ministers in your Church, (whether members of your church or not) and their respective churches.

3. Please send all moneys contributed for purposes fostered by the Association, to JAMES E. KELLEY, Treasurer Oxford, Cathoun County, Ala. who will forward same to the several churches as designated in the contribution card. The burden of this card and without any additional expense to churches. And at your Meeting to the Association, report all moneys so sent. This will enable the Clerk of the Association to make a more complete exhibit of the contributions of the churches.

LEALIS LAW,

Clerk.

